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Subject: CEN23LA154, Student's Pilot Statement

Contact: Ken Garrett, Student Pilot, Midlothian, Texas

Mr. Garrett reported that he and the instructor pilot were conducting a dual instruction flight. Mr. Garrett stated, I was landing the plane (N1221U) on runway 18 at the KTRL (Terrell Municipal Airport). There was a crosswind, so the nose was crabbed into the wind. As we crossed the threshold, I pulled power to idle and started to drift a bit off center line to right. The mains (landing gear) touched down a bit hard and the nose ballooned - it obscured my vision over the nose. I tried to settle the aircraft back down on the runway, but we had already drifted too far to the right of centerline and was nearing the grass at this point. The mains [and] then the nose wheel bit into the grass, the aircraft came to a complete stop, and then flipped. We shutoff fuel and immediately exited the aircraft with only minor injuries.

As the nose ballooned, my flight instructor, Jesus Najera, attempted to add power to go-around, but it was a tad too late at that point as we were forced to brace for impact.